

Beach. Betty Fuller, Hermosa Beach, won second place, and Anthony Cavale, Manhattan Beach, was third. Martha Lambert, Edith Battles, and Eleanor Gilbert shared fourth place.

Writing Quantity Makes Quality, Author Bradbury Tells Hopefuls

Quantity in writing will produce quality. Ray Bradbury, short story and motion picture writer, told more than 100 authors and fans at the July meeting of the Southwest Manuscripters. Declaring that work makes success, he urged all hopeful authors to turn out a story every week. He also recommended intensive reading of non-fiction, poetry, and quality periodicals to provide "subconscious" background material.

The talk, his third annual appearance before the club, attracted several professionals from the Los Angeles area. Bradbury, recently returned from Ireland, has spent the past year working with Director John Huston on a screen interpretation of "Moby Dick." He is the only writer working on the adaptation. First place in the summer manuscript contest on unforgettable characters was won by Dorothy Boesch, Manhattan

Information regarding membership can be obtained from Catherine Bolton, Frontier 2-2204.

LONG DISTANCE
Djakarta, the capital city of Indonesia, is 10,400 miles by sea from New York and 7,640 miles from San Francisco.



QUEEN CANDIDATES . . . Four queen candidates for Dominguez Fiesta show off the new auto which will be given away during the gala celebration there Aug. 6, 7, and 8. Left to right are Betty Smith, Pat Clayton, Joan Finn, and Donna Davis.

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Supervisor Hahn Seeks the Return Of More Gas Tax Monies to Area

As far as benefits received are concerned, Federal gas tax monies paid by residents of Los Angeles County at the rate of two cents per gallon are depreciated more than 99 per cent. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn charged this week as he sparked efforts to secure additional money for Los Angeles County roads.

Of approximately \$31,000,000 paid in gas tax to the Federal government each year by local citizens, only \$277,000 will be returned to the County in the 1955-56 fiscal year and \$216,815 for the present fiscal year, he charged.

What's more, Hahn said, under the present Federal aid program for secondary highways, the amount of tax monies paid by County residents will increase while benefits returned will progressively decrease as the Federal aid program is designed primarily for rural secondary roads.

Roads Inadequate
At the present time Los Angeles County has 800 miles of critically inadequate major roads and secondary highways, Hahn said, and another 800 miles rapidly approaching the same condition.

The Federal gas taxes paid each year by Los Angeles County residents would pave 100 miles of these critically deficient roads; however, the amount of tax money returned to the County from the Federal government would pave less than one mile, he said.

Supervisor Hahn recently brought the situation to the attention of his colleagues on the County Board of Supervisors and succeeded in securing the unanimous approval for the County to ask the Federal government to return the two-cent Federal gas tax to the states and counties where the tax is collected for construction of secondary highways.

Beck Elected Harbor City CC President

E. R. Beck was elected president of the Harbor City Chamber of Commerce at a special election meeting of the Board of Directors.

First and second vice-presidents will be C. F. King and Mrs. Frances Hensel, while Mrs. Louise Coleman was named secretary. Earl Christensen was re-elected treasurer, a post he has held for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Hensel was named publicity chairman. Other chairmanships will be announced later. The next board meeting was scheduled for July 27.

Hobo Ribbon Winners Told

At the Hobo Day-Watermelon Feed at North Torrance last Friday, ribbons were awarded to the following:

Best dressed hobo: 1st prize—Raymond Edmondson, 14; 2nd prize—Shirley Hodgson, 4; 3rd prize—John Alberts, 6.

Fattest Hobo: 1st prize—Richard Hodgson, 13; 2nd prize—Diane Hodgson, 10; 3rd prize—Nancy Johnson, 5.

Special Awards: Smallest hobo, Peggy Baldwin, 4; Shabbiest Hobo, Bobby Bee, 11.

Other hobos participating were June Birkof, 8; Dennis and Kathy Baldwin, 6 and 5; Barbara Hodgson, 7; Gary and Tommy Stauffer, 7 and 8; Donnie Rocha, 12; Denny Claxton, 11; Beth and Judy Reeves, 9 and 10; Billy Peterson, 11; Carolyn Worthorn, 10; Nancy Stoeckle, 9; Donny Gaw, 7; and Joyce Johnson, 6.

Following the judging of the hobos, and the watermelon feed, 70 boys and girls participated in a scavenger hunt.

BABIES FALL FROM WINDOW
Birmingham, Ala.—Donna Renee Webb and Rickey Dianne Weidon, both 18 months old, fell from the third-story window of an apartment building, but neither was badly hurt. The children landed, head first, in a gutter about 3 feet wide, just missing a concrete wall.

Accident Study Indicates Dusk is the Danger Hour

Driving or walking, use extra care during the early evening hours.

The California Highway Patrol bases this advice on an analysis of accident reports which indicate that the peak frequency of traffic accidents centers between four and six o'clock in the evening. During these two early evening hours, more than 16 per cent of all reportable accidents occur.

"In making every effort to combat this aggravated accident problem the Highway Patrol is concentrating a greater number of officers and enforcement cars during these critical hours," Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell explained.

Caldwell pointed out that more than 15 per cent of all Patrol traffic citations are issued during these same two dangerous hours.

"Evidently people are in a hurry to get home at the end of the working day and each fleet-second seems to carry a premium. Unnecessary and unwise chances, taken in order to gain the slightest advantage in time, cause these accidents," he said.

Caldwell warned that pedestrian accidents increased by 6.2 per cent during the first five months of 1954 and emphasized that pedestrian violations figure among the ten most common causes of traffic accidents.

Lomita Men Return From Far East Duty

Two Lomita men have returned to the United States after seven and one-half months in the Far East aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex.

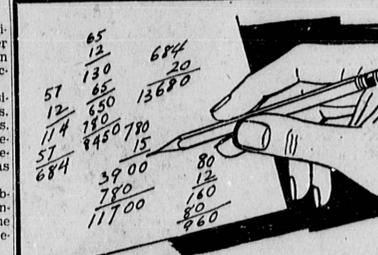
Marine Pfc. Richard T. Kunath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Kunath, 2283 W. 255th St., and Navy Ens. Fredrik P. Lofstrom, Jr., son of Mrs. Frances L. Lofstrom, 2435 W. 247th St.

The Essex returned to San Diego after a cruise of 57,600 miles.

48th Illinois Reunion Slated at Long Beach

The 48th annual Illinois summer picnic-reunion will be held in Bixby Park in Long Beach on Saturday, July 31.

Russell M. Brougher, D.D., will head the program, which will include varied entertainment, and the music of the Long Beach Municipal Band. Activities will begin at 1 p.m.



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